

SEAMLESS SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

This year, we will once again be a feeding site for this program. We will serve lunch and breakfast bags, Monday-Thursday 11:30-12:00 from June 3rd-July 18th.

Thanks go out to the United Methodist Men for their assistance last week. There will be no Seamless Summer this week due to the July 4th holiday.



FUMC Firestarter's Prayer for the Week



Lord God, as we pause this week to thank you for our civil freedom paid for by the blood of American service men and women, we thank you even now for the ultimate freedom purchased for all by the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Vespers will be 7-5-24

Theme: The Power of Your Word

Does it represent you?
Matthew 5: 33-37



Vespers



Church Lock Up

6/23-6/29: Hank Chapman
6/30-7/06: Bill Munson
7/07-7/13: Lloyd Vautrot
7/14-7/20: Charlie Leonard

6/30: Sandra Webb
7/5 Howard Elkins
7/6: Carla Tarrou
7/7: Bob Hix
7/10: Tracy Easley
7/10: Katherine Meyer



LIJ Kids Summer Fun Dates

July 4th - Come hang out with your church family! After the parade we will meet on the front lawn of the church for some games while we wait for the fireworks to begin.

We will have 4 Square in the air set up along with some card games. Bring a blanket or chair if you are staying for the fireworks. Marianne will have some drinks available.

July 17th - Pool Party at the Davis house from 5:00-7:00. Marianne will bring pizza and drinks! Bring a towel. We will leave the church at 5:00 if you want to follow or carpool. Family is invited so please RSVP!

July 21st - Afternoon at the Movies (Time and Movie TBT)

Luncheon Honoring Our New Pastor

Join in the Church Luncheon honoring Mike and Holly Shearon following the July 14th service. It is our time for Fellowship and a time to welcome the Shearons to our Church family. There will be a basket for your cards and welcome messages.

A Message from Team Tabitha

Team Tabitha's mission is to provide everyone that needs prayers (i.e. serious illness, loss of a loved one, etc.) with loving support from your prayers and an embroidered pillowcase at no charge. Please contact Kathy Stephens at 706-502-5563.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am- 4 pm
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The Liturgical Color is Green

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Are you tossed about on the storms of life? Wait for the Lord...more than those who wait for the morning. Wait for hope. Wait for longing. Wait for faith.

† **Prelude** "GiveThanks/Now Thank We All Our God."
arr by Joel Raney

† **Call to Worship:** "Come and See"
by Marilyn Houser Hamm

† The Greeting (Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths, we cry to you, O Lord.

People: Hear our prayers and supplications.

Leader: Heed the anguish of our pleas.

People: Our souls wait for you alone, O Lord,

Leader: More than those who wait for the morning.

People: We are here to worship you this day.

† The Invocation

† **The Hymn of Praise** "Only Trust Him" UMH 337

† **The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† **The Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

† **The Hymn of Preparation:**

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” UMH 351

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome. here.

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music: “How Can I Keep from Singing
arr by Howard Helvey

† **The Presentation and Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Anthem: “Sing Unto the Lord”

by Charles Yannerella, transcribed by Craig Courtney

The Scripture: Philippians 8:3-14

The Sermon: “The Prize” Pastor

The Closing Hymn: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH 117

† **The Benediction**

† **The Choral Benediction**

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty” UMH 176

The Postlude “Recessional on St. Anne”

by Gordon Young

† *Congregation Standing (as able) UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing*

† *Following the service, the Prayer Team is available at both the Narthex and Altar. They are wearing white scarves.*

Philippians 8:3-14

⁸I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the sharing of His sufferings by becoming like Him in His death,

¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but ***this one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,***

¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”